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For: LATCH SYSTEM AND MODIFIED
BLADE DESIGN FOR THICK
STOPPER-CLOSED CONTAINER
SAMPLING PIERCING STATION

Examiner: D. Handy

Group Art Unit: 1797

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 & 1.98**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Upon receipt of the Notice of Allowance and upon review of this case, it was discovered that the documents set forth on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a/b, which were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement, dated February 13, 2003, were not considered by the Examiner because they were not in the English language.

An English language abstract is provided for DE 198 52 947 and U.S. Patent 4,721,137 is submitted as an English language equivalent for EP 0 221 315.

It is understood that the Office is under no obligation to consider the documents at this time, and, while applicants believe that the documents are in no way destructive of patentability of the allowed claims, in the interest of completeness, they are submitted herewith.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief (such as payment of a fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (p)) is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petition and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing 482022001700.

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